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MEDIA NOTE

**Ambassador John E. Herbst Named Coordinator
For the Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization**

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has appointed Ambassador John E. Herbst as Coordinator for the Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization (S/CRS). Mr. Herbst, currently U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, will take up his new position in late spring.

The Coordinator supports the Secretary by leading U.S. planning efforts for countries and regions of concern, and coordinating the deployment of U.S. civilian resources to respond to conflict. In concert with other State Department bureaus and agencies, the Coordinator builds strong civil-military partnerships, and promotes coordination with international and non-governmental colleagues on reconstruction and stabilization activities and prevention strategies.

Mr. Herbst is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, and holds the rank of Minister-Counselor. Prior to his appointment to Ukraine, he served as Ambassador to Uzbekistan from 2000-2003. Mr. Herbst previously worked as the U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem; Principal Deputy to the Ambassador at Large for the Newly Independent States; the Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs; and as the Director of Regional Affairs in the Near East Bureau of the State Department.

Mr. Herbst's awards in government include the Presidential Distinguished Service Award and the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award. He received a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Phi Beta Kappa, and a Master of Law and Diplomacy, with Distinction, from the Fletcher School. He also attended the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Bologna Center. Mr. Herbst is married to Nadezda Christoff Herbst. The couple has five children.

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